

Winter Rules Apply

Once again winter is just about upon us. This means snow shoveling, slippery roads, snow plows and salting.

We here at the Murray Public Works Department would like to take this opportunity to ask for your cooperation with a few simple winter rules that apply to this time of year.

- Whenever possible, please do not park vehicles, boats, trailers or any other items that can be placed within the confines of your property, on the street. This makes it very difficult to navigate large snow plows and salters around your area, insuring a timely removal of snow and ice.
- Please do not shovel or blow snow from sidewalks and driveways into the roadway. This causes a packed and slippery area in the road that the plows may or may not be able to remove. If it is done before the road has been plowed, it will probably end up back in your drive approach anyway. Why not place it on the lawns or plants where, when it melts, it can do some good. If you have no choice but to pile snow on the curb at the end of your driveway, place the pile on the traffic “down stream” side of the drive. This will ensure that when the plows come down the street, they will not push the large pile back into your drive way.
- Please be patient with the plow drivers. They have a large area from which to remove snow. Roads are plowed in a particular prioritized order. Main roads such as Winchester Street, 1300 East, Murray Blvd. are all plowed first, followed by secondary streets, these are roads that usually run through subdivisions and connect with main roads. Subdivision streets are plowed next, then circles, and finally dead-ends. Traditionally it takes our crews 8-12 hours to completely remove snow from all Murray City Streets. This time frame greatly depends on the severity of the storm. On rare occasions some subdivision streets and circles are not plowed until the following day.
- We strongly suggest that you do not allow children to play on or tunnel into piles of snow that are placed on the roadways. There can be disastrous results when plows come back for future storms or when “widening out” snow left on streets.
- When following plow trucks, please keep an extra large distance between you and the truck. These vehicles have to make many adjustments to the road surfaces and contours, and often have to unexpectedly back-up. When two or more trucks are plowing in “tandem” on larger roads, please do not attempt to pass these vehicles. You can and probably will get stuck or lose control of your vehicle in the deep windrow of snow produced by this action.
- Murray City Plow operators try to be as careful as possible not to throw snow onto sidewalks and driveways, but accidents do happen. If this occurs, we apologize for the inconvenience.
- Last, but most importantly, **PLEASE SLOW DOWN**. In a snow storm, the posted speed is way too fast.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 270-2440 Thanks for your cooperation!